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## Moynihan wants a brokered convention

Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D) of New York on Oct. 4 called for Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York and Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey to run for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination as "favorite son" candidates, and recommended that either Christopher Dodd or Gov. William O'Neill do the same in Connecticut. He told WABC's "Eyewitness News Conference" in New York that this plan would allow party leaders to "go to Atlanta and sit down as states and look around at our potential candidates and bargain with each other and pick someone we think can win."

"If we can't, we lose," he added.

The plan would sweep aside the currently announced candidates, make the primaries—and the voters' choice—irrelevant, and officially deliver control over the nomination into the hands of the party bosses. A similar plan has been proposed by former Democratic National Committee chairman Robert Strauss of Texas. Moynihan last year called for the abolition of primaries, citing the "danger" that "extremists" like Lyndon LaRouche might win them.

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## Anti-SDI activist on the stump in Europe

The Federation of American Scientists' John Pike is on a tour of Western Europe to "lobby U.S. allies to press Washington to negotiate limits to Strategic Defense Initiative research and development," in response to the recent offer by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to negotiate precise limits on what sort of space-based missile defense could be tested by the two superpowers, the *Financial Times* of London reported Oct. 2.

Pike claims that Shevardnadze's proposals closely mirror ideas which the FAS had urged on Soviet scientists for the past

three years, during various meetings involving Pike's friends and the Soviet Academy of Sciences. Pike claims that the Soviets had been rejecting any idea of negotiating SDI limits, until a meeting in November 1986, in Hamburg, when they changed their position. According to Pike, arms-control adviser Paul Nitze is the sole figure in President Reagan's inner circle who is sympathetic to negotiating limits on SDI development, while Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger is totally opposed.

In an interview with the London *Times* on Oct. 2, Pike said, "The Russians fear the progress of American technology. They have reason to." This superiority, he claims, furthers the argument for imposing threshold limits on SDI development by both sides.

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## Koop kooks edged off AIDS commission

The "Koop faction," which supports Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's insane belief that "safe sex and clean needles" are enough to stop the spread of AIDS, suffered a setback on the President's AIDS commission, which was set up in July.

Drs. Eugene Mayberry and Woodrow Myers, both Koop co-thinkers, resigned their posts as chairman and vice chairman respectively on Oct. 7. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said that Adm. (ret.) James D. Watkins, a panel member, would become the new chairman.

The homosexual member of the commission, Dr. Frank Lilly, is also considering resigning.

The *Washington Post* reported on Oct. 8 that Mayberry had told his friend White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, that he would be forced to resign unless the White House fired Drs. William Walsh and Cory Servaas, both of whom, Mayberry said, were imperiling the commission's work.

Myers, who resigned hours after Mayberry announced his departure, was the head of Indiana's public health service. Myers was the only black member of the commission.

## Briefly

● **THE JUSTICE DEPT.** is preparing criminal prosecution of three more trade unions, after its widely criticized actions to take over the Teamsters under the RICO statutes: the International Longshoremen's Association, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union, and the Laborers' International Union of North America.

● **BOTH HOUSES** of Congress voted on Oct. 6 to ban importation of Iranian products into the United States. "If rumors are to be believed, there continues to be opposition to this import embargo in some parts of the administration, especially in the State Department," said Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.). "So it is doubly important that the Congress go on record overwhelmingly in favor of an embargo and present the question to the administration in a fashion that it cannot be ducked."

● **REP. JACK KEMP** (R-N.Y.) came around belatedly to part of the LaRouche program on AIDS, by introducing legislation Oct. 5 that would provide federal funding for limited mandatory AIDS testing at the state level. The bill would fund mandatory testing programs for marriage license applicants, prisoners, patients at sexually transmitted disease clinics and family planning clinics, donors of blood, semen, and organs, and hospital patients ages 15 to 50.

● **BESS MYERSON**, the former Miss America widely credited with winning Ed Koch the New York mayoralty in 1980, was indicted Oct. 7 on charges that she illegally influenced a state judge to reduce alimony for her lover, "Andy" Capasso.

● **GAYS AND LESBIANS** planned a mass protest in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 8-13, including a group wedding of hundreds of couples of the same sex.